



Fact Sheet



Saturday, July 5, 2008 7:00 PM

MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

Media Only Fire Information Number: 707-467-2520

Public Fire Information Number: 707-467-6426

The Mendocino Lightning Complex has burned approximately 41,200 acres and is 40% contained. Progress is being made on the various fires throughout the County; there are currently 45 active fires and 78 contained fires. Remaining fires continue to slowly increase in size. Continued threats remain a possibility to communities and critical infrastructure. Firefighting resources continue to arrive daily and military resources are expected to arrive in the next few days. Weather conditions are currently favorable, however a warming trend is expected which can increase fire behavior. Additional Evacuation "Warnings" and/ or "Orders" may be issued. Planned firing operations have been successful and may occur in other areas of the County as necessary. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

Air Operations

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations are being conducted throughout Mendocino County. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires.

Evacuations

Evacuation "Warnings" remain in effect for:

- Community of Rockport
- Red Mountain Road From the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road to 13600 Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road - From Hwy 101 to the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road.
- The Community of Cummings
- Town of Leggett
- De Haven Creek and Howard Creek drainage, North of Westport

Evacuation Centers

- *Placed on Standby*-Fort Bragg High School, 300 Dana Street, Ft. Bragg. Phone: 707-813-0345 (New)
- *Placed on Standby*-Willits High School, 299 North Main Street, Willits. Phone: 707-486-8674
- Large animals (A call must be made prior to delivering animals)
 - Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah. 707-462-3884. After business hours: 707-972-8340
 - Albion Headlands, Albion. 650-322-1070.
 - Covelo Rodeo Grounds, 22335 S. Airport Covelo Road, Covelo. 272-2966 and 983-6860
- Small animals can be taken to the Mendocino Animal Care and Control Ukiah Shelter. After business hours: 707-272-4337.

Road Conditions

None

Resources

Engines: 160 Crews: 40 Helicopters: 16 Water Tenders: 63 Dozers: 44
Overhead: 336 Total Personnel: 1,749 Fixed Wing Aircraft: 1

Incident Facts

Incident Size: 41,200 Acres

Contained: 40%

Injuries to date: 24

Fatalities to date: 1

Residences Threatened: 335

Residences Destroyed: 2

Commercial Property Threatened: 0

• Number of Active Fires: 45

Total Number of Fires: 123

Estimated Costs to Date: \$19,300,000

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